

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD OF ASHLAND COUNTY
Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

PRESENT: Mary Deeter David Ross, Executive Director
Cindy Kyser Patty Walton, Director of Operations
Benjamin Key
Connie Butler Ashley Ackerman, Director of Programs, Training, and Education
Andrew Kinney
Sara Battison
Chad Brown
Dennis Dyer
Katie Wright
Tom Gaus
Tanya Mounts

ABSENT: Nancy Udolph*
Shari Shafer*
Ed Kieper

*provided notice

GUESTS: Jerry Strausbaugh, Appleseed
Sheryl Villegas, CCS
Rick Ford, ACCADA
Pam Lemaster, Appleseed

Mary Deeter called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the Martha Jordan room, 1605 Co. Rd. 1095, Ashland.

I. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Roll Call
Secretary Katie Wright took roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

Pass Warrants
There was a quorum to pass the warrants.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Gaus to recommend Board approval of the August
23-05-01 meeting minutes. Andrew Kinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **SEPTEMBER PLANNING-FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**, Sara Battison, Chair

Sara Battison gave the planning committee report. Refer to the provided planning committee meeting minutes for a full description. The following resolutions were brought forward.

RESOLUTION: 23-09-01 A motion was made by the Joint Planning Committee to recommend Board approval of appointing Jessica Tager as a health officer for the Board. Katie Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **SEPTEMBER FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**, Chad Brown, Chair

Chad Brown gave the Finance Committee report. Refer to the provided finance committee meeting minutes for a full description. The following resolutions were brought forward.

RESOLUTION: 23-09-02 A motion was made by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the September warrants for payment. Cindy Kyser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 23-09-03 A motion was made by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the August Financials. Connie Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Consideration of Bylaw Changes, Mary Deeter, Chair

Bylaw Change 1. "To set the number of Full Board Meetings up to 12 (twelve) times per year and meeting regularly" (Page 4)

Discussion requested by Dennis Dyer. Mr. Dyer expressed his desire for monthly meetings except twice per month and preferred the word "monthly" to "regularly." Other members commented that "regularly" provides more flexibility to the Board.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 9 members voted to make the changes, and 2 voted against. The 2/3 threshold for making changes to The Board's bylaws was met. The bylaw changes are made.

Bylaw Change 2. "Includes the Nominating Committee Chair as a member of the Executive Committee and sets the number of Executive Committee members at up to 7 (seven)" Page 7.
Discussion:

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 11 members voted to make the changes, and 0 voted against. The 2/3 threshold for making changes to The Board's bylaws was met. The bylaw changes are made.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**, Andrew Kinney, Chair

RESOLUTION: 23-09-04 A motion was made by Nancy Udolph to recommend to the Board potential changes to the Board schedule. Chad Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David facilitated a discussion with Board members on three potential options. The Board suggested that the December Board meeting include a combined potluck and Full Board meeting. The change was made to all three options. Chad Brown suggested that Option 3 include two one-hour Board trainings instead of 4 30-minute trainings, which will be in September and June. Tom Gaus emphasized that the Board would not meet for two months over the summer in Option Two and did not support this. David detailed each option to the board and confirmed that Board members understood each before taking a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION: 23-09-05 A motion was made by Tom Gaus to vote on the three Board schedule options. The option with the most positive votes would be adopted beginning January 2024.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 7 members voted for Option 3, 2 members voted for Option 1, and 2 members voted for Option 2. Option 3 was adopted.

RESOLUTION: 23-09-06 Andrew Kinney motioned that in June 2024, the Board revisit how the new meeting schedule has gone. Ben Key seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT, David Ross, Executive Director
David reviewed the attached Director's Report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Gaus. The motion was seconded by Katie Wright. The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Ackerman, Director of Programs, Training, & Education
